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CONTACT REPORT

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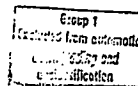
1. During the last weeks I have had several brief meetings with CASTROP, @Dr. HERDER and @CLAUSEN on the Rechenberg/Christmann/Wuestefeld case. Most of these meetings were brief and productive, but otherwise uneventful. The exception was a meeting on 11 January. During this meeting I took a polite but strong line with Dr. HERDER and @CLAUSEN about the miserable service CATIDE had given us on the Christmann case. I showed them my original request for traces, the needle we sent them via telex, the first incomplete trace reply, and then pointed out that almost six weeks had passed before we started getting the answers we needed. I also mentioned that the case had important ramifications for US security and that most of the CATIDE information on @RISHKE (who plays an important role in the case) had originally come from our sources C and BEVISION. I concluded by stating that I was not working relations had always existed between C and myself with @FLEMING and CASTROP, and I was particularly surprised to see "Schlamperei" creep into this relationship.

2. Dr. HERDER and @CLAUSEN were very sober and defensive. They acknowledged that my complaints were justified and put all the blame on @STURM, for whom Dr. HERDER particularly seems to feel a violent dislike. They promised immediate corrective action.

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3. After our meeting, at Dr. HERDER's request, I also mentioned the matter to @HOLM. He promised to look into the matter and discuss it with STURM. He has since advised me that he has done so.

4. The upshot of this matter is that we have received a large amount of information on the characters involved in the case, and the CATIDERS have been jumping to give us better service. CLAUSEN even worked overtime for several nights to get the matter squared away. Getting a CATIDER to do that is no little trick.

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